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SUBJECT: PAYMENT SCS TRUST FUNDS BY CONSTITUENT POSTS.

REF: MARSEILLE 0503

PARIS FOR RFC (COLLINS) AND CONSULAR SECTION.

1. SECOND PARAGRAPH MARSEILLE 503 READS AS FOLLOWS:

"SHOULD POSTAL STRIKE IN FRANCE CONTINUE MUCH LONGER. CONGEN ANTICIPATES THAT INCREASING NUMBERS ANXIOUS PARENTS WILL APPROACH DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSFERRING NEEDED FUNDS TO CHILDREN STUDYING MARSEILLE CONSULAR DISTRICT. SINCE POSTAL STRIKE ALSO CAUSES DELAY IN REPLENISHMENT OF CONGENS CASH ON HAND, INCREASED DEMAND FOR PAYMENT OF TRUST FUNDS COULD SOON OUTSTRIP OUR SUPPLY. CONGEN WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S NOTIFYING PARENTS WHO INQUIRE THAT EFFICIENT METHOD FOR SENDING MONEY TO STUDENTS IN AIX OR MARSEILLE IS BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS TELEGRAPHICALLY FROM THEIR BANK TO BANK OF AMERICA, MARSEILLE. FUNDS SHOULD BE TAGGED FOR PERSON IN QUESTION, WITH ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND UNIVERSITY PROGRAM UNDER WHICH PERSON STUDYING, IF AVAILABLE: BANK OF AMERICA SHOULD ALSO BE ASKED TO NOTIFY CONGEN OF RECEIPT."

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2. DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE URGE PERSONS WISHING MAKE MONEY

TRANSFERS TO FRANCE USE THOSE NORMAL COMMERCIAL MEANS STILL AVAILABLE.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING OUR URGING TO US PUBLIC SCS TRUSTS INEVITABLY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE TO BE USED, DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT DESPITE STRIKE, CASH REPLENISHMENTS CAN BE MADE TO EACH CONSTITUENT POST ON URGENT AND EMERGENCY BASIS TO COVER SCS TRUST AUTHORIZATIONS.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS TO DEPARTMENT AND ASSURANCE ALL CONSTITUENT POSTS UNDERSTAND THESE PROCEDURES. INGERSOLL

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